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FM USMISSION GENEVA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 9175  
INFO HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION PRIORITY  
AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA  
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E.O. 12356: N/A  
TAGS: PHUM, UNHRC-1, RW  
SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: CANADIAN LETTER  
- REQUESTING A SPECIAL SESSION

1. FOLLOWING IN PARA 3 IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE LETTER  
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SENT BY THE CANADIAN MISSION TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR  
HUMAN RIGHTS ON MAY 9, FORMALLY REQUESTING A SPECIAL  
SESSION OF THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.

2. COMMENT: MISSION ANTICIPATES RECEIVING FROM THE  
COMMISSION SECRETARIAT AT THE HUMAN RIGHTS CENTER EARLY  
TUESDAY MORNING THE FORMAL NOTIFICATION AND REQUEST FOR  
U.S. GOVERNMENT POSITION. WE WILL RESPOND AS AND WHEN  
INSTRUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT. WE NOTE THAT THE CANADIAN  
LETTER DOES NOT PRESCRIBE THE PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL  
SESSION, BEYOND ECHOING THE HCHR'S DESIRE TO REPORT TO THE

COMMISSION ON HIS MISSION TO RWANDA AND/AND BURUNDI. THIS  
MIGHT LEAVE OPEN THE DOOR TO CONSIDERATION BY THE  
COMMISSION OF THE BURUNDI SITUATION AS WELL AS RWANDA, AN  
ISSUE WE KNOW TO BE ON THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S MIND.  
END COMMENT

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3. BEGIN TEXT:

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DEAR MR. HIGH COMMISSIONER,

- DURING YOUR MEETING ON MAY 5 WITH ANNE PARK AND  
THROUGH MY SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATIONS WITH YOU AND YOUR  
STAFF, YOU HAVE BEEN MADE AWARE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF  
CANADA WELCOMES THE INITIATIVE YOU HAVE TAKEN IN  
CONSULTATION WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO CONDUCT A  
MISSION TO RWANDA AND BURUNDI.

- CANADA ALSO BELIEVES THAT YOUR EXPRESSED HOPE OF  
REPORTING ON YOUR RETURN TO GENEVA TO A SPECIAL SESSION OF  
THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS IS NATURAL AND

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COMMENDABLE. I AM THEREFORE PLEASED TO CONFIRM THAT, AS I  
CONVEYED ORALLY TO YOUR OFFICE ON FRIDAY NIGHT AND TO YOU  
ON SATURDAY MORNING, THE HONORABLE ANDRE OUELLET, MINISTER  
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HAS DIRECTED CANADIAN OFFICIALS TO  
CALL FORMALLY ON THE COMMISSION TO HOLD SUCH A SESSION.  
WE HEREBY REQUEST THAT YOUR OFFICIALS TAKE THE NECESSARY  
STEPS TO SECURE AGREEMENT OF STATES MEMBERS OF THE  
COMMISSION TO THIS PROPOSAL..

- PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR UN ACTION IN RWANDA OF  
COURSE REMAINS WITH THE SECURITY COUNCIL, AND CANADA HAS  
INDICATED ITS SUPPORT FOR AN EXPANDED EFFORT BY THE  
COUNCIL. CANADA SUPPORTS YOUR INITIATIVE BECAUSE WE  
BELIEVE EFFECTIVE ACTION TO PREVENT FURTHER HUMAN RIGHTS  
VIOLATIONS MUST BE A CENTRAL ELEMENT OF THE OVERALL UN  
RESPONSE TO THE TRAGEDY IN RWANDA. YOUR MISSION AND THE  
DELIBERATIONS OF THE COMMISSION SHOULD HELP ENSURE THIS IS  
ACHIEVED.

- CANADA IS COMMITTED TO WORKING TO THIS END WITH YOU  
AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS,  
ESPECIALLY MEMBERS OF THE AFRICAN GROUP. WE HAVE BEGUN TO  
CONSULT WITH CONCERNED PARTIES AND LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING  
YOUR OBSERVATIONS FROM YOUR MISSION. CANADIAN

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REPRESENTATIVES ARE AT YOUR DISPOSAL TO PROVIDE ANY  
POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO YOU AS YOU PURSUE THIS MOST  
IMPORTANT CHALLENGE.

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- YOURS SINCERELY,

- PAUL DUBOIS  
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- ACTING PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
END TEXT. SPIEGEL

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